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## Mayor Sheila Dixon Honors Caribbean American Heritage

Baltimore, MD (June 11, 2007) – Mayor Sheila Dixon celebrated Baltimore's Caribbean American citizens by proclaiming June 'Caribbean American Heritage Month'. At a ceremony in the City Hall rotunda, the Mayor paid tribute to successful men and women who brought their heritage and culture to Baltimore City.

"Today I am asking the citizens of Baltimore to join people around the world in honoring and celebrating Caribbean American Heritage Month," said Mayor Dixon. "The contributions made to our nation, our state and to the City of Baltimore by people of Caribbean descent are numerous and exceptional."

Joining Mayor Dixon at City Hall were members of the St. Veronica's Caribbean Steel Band, which played traditional music before the ceremony began. Rev. Peter Bramble, who cofounded the Baltimore Times newspaper with his wife, Joy, spoke about Baltimore's connections to the Caribbean.

Other notable Caribbean Americans from Maryland recognized today were Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, Delegate Shirley Nathan Pulliam, and Dr. Elaine Simon.

"Over the summer there will be many great events to honor this incredible community, but I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the thousands of Baltimore residents of Caribbean descent who are helping us create a cleaner, greener, safer and healthier City," said Mayor Dixon.

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